Expenditure Incurred on curbing Terriorist Activities in Punjab

*99. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA :

SHRI JAGIR SlNGH DARD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whetehr the Punjab Government has approached Finance Commission for refunding of crores of rupees incurred on curbing terrorist activities in the State:

(b) if so, what are the full details of the request made by Punjab Government in this regard ;

(c) when the request was made;

(d) whether N Government have taken any final decision in this respect; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY) : (a) to (e) The Tenth Finance Commission has submitted its report to the President on 26.11.1994 and it is being processed. The Report would be made public when it is laid on the Table of each House of Parliament alongwith the explanatory memorandum on the action taken thereon.

Violation of Fera

•IOO. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that several NRLs who have opened their accounts in banks in the country have systematically siphoned off foreign exchange from the country in violation of FERA ;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether the Enforcement Department have recently detecte such accounts ;

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) what action Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY) : (a) and (b) In the course of its investigations, the Enforcement Directorate has come across some instances where Non-Resident External (NRE) accounts have been misused for remitting funds abroad in violation of the provisions of Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, (FERA) 1973.

(c) and (d) one such case involving an amount of Rs. 27 lakhs has been detected during the current year,

(e) The Government has been keeping a close vigil to prevent misuse of NRE accounts. As and when intelligence is received about misuse of NRE accounts, detailed investigations are made and appropriate action as provided under FERA, 1973 is taken against the persons concerned. Reserve Bank of India has also been requested to take note of such * transactions in their periodic audit / inspection of banks.

Teleconmuni cation Facilities in Koraput District n Orissa

844. SHRI BHAGABAN M\JHI :

Wil' the M'liste- of Commu-n'natbn? b? pbisei to sta'e :

fa) whether it is a fact that the telecommunications facilities

available in the undivided Koraput District is far from satisfactory ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to improve and expend telecommunications facilities in that part of Orissa ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) No, Sir. Telecom facilities in undivided Koraput district are satisfactory. At present, the telecom facilities available are as follows :

(i) Total No of exchanges:	56
(ii) No. of Electronic exchanges : . . .	56
(iii) %age of electrionic exchanges : . . .	100%
(iv) No. of exchanges having STD facilities :	55
(v) Total Gram Panchayats	562
(vi) No. of Gram Panchayats with Telecom facilities	462
(vii) Total No. of villages with Telecom facilities	1044
(viii) Departmental Telegraph offices :	1

All the Sub-Divisional, Tehsil and District Headquarters have been provided with STD facilities.

(b) Steps taken for further improvement and expension are as follows :.

(i) OFC (Optical) fibre cable has been planning through Nowrangpur Jeypore to Bohili which wil be ultimately connected to Vizianagaram as part of Calcutta Madras OFC main route during 8th plan period.

(ii) 512PQ — DOT SBM TAX is likely to be commissioned during 95—96 at Korapot which will improve STD facility.

(iii) Satellite Earth Station at Gunupur is likely to be commissioned by 94—95.

(iv) Two. 512 Port exchange, one each at Malkanganj and Nowrangpur, are likely to be commissioned during this year.

(v) 2K NQ—DOT exchange Rajguda is likely to be commissioned this year.

Commissioning of Telephones Exchanges in Madhya Pradesh

845. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV :Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of telephone exchanges targetted to be commissioned during 1993-94 and 1994-95 in Madhya Pradesh, district-wise ;

(b) the number of telephone exchanges actually commissioned in the State out of them, with details thereof ;

(c) the time likely to be taken in utilisation of 50% capacity of these exchanges particularly in tribal and remote areas ; and

(d) whether there is any provision for monitoring before and after the commission of the exchange in the tribal and remote areas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) and (b) The district-wise details are given as per the statement *(See* below.)